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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV DELEGATION VISITS LISBON HOPING TO
REOPEN RELATIONS

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SUMMARY: YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC MISSION CURRENTLY IN LISBON
TO DISCUSS RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS HAS MET WITH PRESIDENT
AND PRIME MINISTER, AND AFTERWARDS SAID AGREEMENT MAY COME
VERY SHORTLY IN LIGHT PROPITIOUS POST-COUP DEVELOPMENTS IN
PORTUGAL. FONMIN SOARES INVITED OFFICIALLY VISIT YUGOSLAVIA.
END SUMMARY.

1. FIRST YUGOSLAV DIPLOMAT TO VISIT PORTUGAL OFFICIALLY
SINCE RELATIONS WERE SUSPENDED IN 1948 HAS ARRIVED IN
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LISBON FOR TALKS REGARDING RESUMPTION OF DIPLOMATIC

RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. ACCORDING PRESS REPORTS YUGOSLAVS WERE INVITED TO LISBON BY FONMIN SOARES, WHO HOWEVER IN LUSAKA FOR FRELIMO TALKS AND THUS NOT ABLE PERSONALLY MEET WITH DELEGATION. YUGOSLAV SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL RAIF DIZDAREVIC, ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTER COUNSELOR ORGAN VUCIECEVIO, MET ON ARRIVAL AT AIRPORT JUNE 4 BY FONOFF CHIEF PROTOCOL AND YUGOSLAV COUNSELOR IVAN KOJIC WHO ALREADY IN LISBON, AND WHO LOCAL PRESS PREDICTS WILL BE "CHARGE" OF FUTURE YUGOSLAV DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN LISBON.

2. IN SHORT ARRIVAL STATEMENT DIZDAREVIC EXPRESSED SATISFACTION IN VISITING "RENEWED PORTUGAL" AND NOTED THIS FIRST CONTACT MADE POSSIBLE BY CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED AS RESULT APRIL 25 COUP. SAID HE IN LISBON TO EXCHANGE OPINIONS ON SUBJECTS OF MUTUAL INTEREST AND TO DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL. NOTED HIS COUNTRY LOOKS WITH GREAT SYMPATHY AND CONFIDENCE ON RECENT PORTUGUESE EVENTS AND BELIEVES THESE EVENTS WILL SERVE AS BASIS FOR SOLUTION OF VARIOUS PROBLEMS, ESPECIALLY DECOLONIZATION, THEREBY PERMITTING GREATER PORTUGUESE PARTICIPATION IN EUROPE.

3. AFTERNOON JUNE 5 YUGOSLAVS RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT SPINOLA AND PRIME MINISTER PALMA CARLOS, WITH WHOM ACCORDING DIZDAREVIC "VERY USEFUL" CONVERSATIONS HELD. IN DIZDAREVIC'S OPINION AGREEMENT TO RE-ESTABLISH RELATIONS MIGHT BE REACHED "VERY SHORTLY" INASMUCH AS CONDITIONS SINCE APRIL 25 ARE PROPITIOUS. HE ALSO TOLD PRESS AFTER MEETINGS THAT HE HOPES SOLUTION TO OVERSEAS PROBLEMS WILL BE ACHIEVED BY "DIRECT ELECTIONS AND ON BASIS RESPECT FOR RIGHT OF AFRICAN PEOPLES TO LIBERTY AND INDEPENDENCE". YUGOSLAVS HELD WIDE RANGING TALKS EARLIER IN DAY WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY SECRETARY GENERAL ANDRESEN, AND INVITED FONMIN SOARES TO VISIT YUGOSLAVIA OFFICIALLY AT AN UNSPECIFIED FUTURE DATE.

4. COMMENT: CHIEF OF FONOFF EUROPE-AMERICA SECTION TOLD EMBOFF EARLY IN WEEK (BEFORE YUGOSLAV VISIT) THAT GOP EXPECTS TO HAVE DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH SOME BUT NOT ALL EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES AS WELL AS USSR.
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YUGOSLAVIA, ROMANIA (WHICH ALREADY HAS REACHED AGREEMENT ON EXCHANGE OF AMBASSADORS), AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA WERE MENTIONED AS MOST LIKELY CANDIDATES. (SOURCE SAID LATTER PROBABLE BECAUSE OF SPECIAL INTEREST IN RELATIONS BY ALVARO CUNHAL, COMMUNIST PARTY HEAD AND MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO, WHO SPENT MANY YEARS IN CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN EXILE). POLAND ALSO LIKELY TO ESTABLISH RELATIONS AND UNOFFICIAL CULTURAL EMISSARIES HAVE ALREADY VISITED LISBON (LISBON

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